

## New World Explorers Quiz

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Short answer

1. What does Renaissance mean?
2. Who were the conquistadors?
3. Who first landed in North America in A. D. 1000?
4. Which explorer died before his three year expedition made their journey around the world?
5. What Spanish explorer discovered Florida and named it?
6. Which explorer conquered the Incas of South America?
7. Which explorer is generally thought to have discovered America in 1492 and claimed San Salvador for the king of Spain?
8. Montezuma was a powerful chieftain of what tribe?
9. What invention by Johann Gutenberg brought Europe out of the dark ages around 1440?
10. Who is given credit for beginning the Protestant reformation?
11. How did the first American's get to America from Asia?
12. What was the leading nation in exploration in the 15th century?
13. Why did Columbus call the inhabitants of the islands he discovered "Indians"?

14. How did America get its name?
  
15. What were the four main reasons explorers went on their voyages to discover new lands?
  
16. What was the name of the first permanent settlement in America?
  
17. Which explorer conquered the Aztecs with the help of neighboring Indians?
  
18. How did the Crusades revive European interest in trade with the East?
  
19. Who raided Spanish shipping for the English?
  
20. Who was the first European to travel the length of Asia?

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1. What does Renaissance mean?  
**Rebirth**
2. Who were the conquistadors?  
**Spanish conquerors who came to the New World to conquer and to find riches.**
3. Who first landed in North America in A. D. 1000?  
**Leif Ericson**
4. Which explorer died before his three year expedition made their journey around the world?  
**Francisco Magellan**
5. What Spanish explorer discovered Florida and named it?  
**Ponce de Leon**
6. Which explorer conquered the Incas of South America?  
**Francisco Pizarro**
7. Which explorer is generally thought to have discovered America in 1492 and claimed San Salvador for the king of Spain?  
**Christopher Columbus**
8. Montezuma was a powerful chieftain of what tribe?  
**Aztecs**
9. What invention by Johann Gutenberg brought Europe out of the dark ages around 1440?  
**Moveable-type printing press**
10. Who is given credit for beginning the Protestant reformation?  
**Martin Luther**
11. How did the first Americans get to America from Asia?  
**Across the land bridge - the Bering Strait**
12. What was the leading nation in exploration in the 15th century?  
**Portugal**
13. Why did Columbus call the inhabitants of the islands he discovered "Indians"? **Because he thought he had found India**

14. How did America get its name?

Amerigo Vespuccia was the first to recognize that Columbus had actually discovered a new continent, even though Columbus refused to believe that this was so. A German map maker thus named the New World America on his map and the name has been known as such ever since.

15. What were the four main reasons explorers went on their voyages to discover new lands? 1) fame 2) fortune 3) to spread the gospel & 4) adventure

16. What was the name of the first permanent settlement in America?

St. Augustine

17. Which explorer conquered the Aztecs with the help of neighboring Indians?

Hernando Cortez

18. How did the Crusades revive European interest in trade with the East?

As the crusaders discovered the spices and riches of Asia, they longed to have markets where they could get these items on their homefronts.

19. Who raided Spanish shipping for the English?

Sir Francis Drake - the "Sea Dog"

20. Who was the first European to travel the length of Asia? Marco Polo